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☐ None of the figures.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 E05B65/12

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 E05B

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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